

Arizona Depository Library Council Meeting May 8, 2009

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Business Meeting

- **Welcome**
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Announcements**
 - AzLA programs
- **Old Business**
 - Education Committee
 - State Plan
- **New Business**
 - Depository Library Council Meeting Update
 - Regional/Selective structure and cooperation
- **Depository Library Updates and Happenings**
- **Adjourn**

AzLA Programs - 2009

- Regional Forum - April 17, Globe
 - Mining for Government Information presentation (federal and state information sources)
- AzLA Annual Conference - December 7-9, Glendale (proposed programs)
 - Transforming Census/Survey Data into Community Knowledge
 - Census 2010
 - Under the Spotlight: Transparency in Government
 - Arizona Memory Project(AMP) & National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)
 - Finding the Way: Assistance when times are tough

Education Committee

- Planning for AzLA Conference
- Topic for next meetings' training session?

Work on State Plan

- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Threats

Abbreviations:

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| • PE – Pat Esposito | DS – Denise Shroyer |
| • MG – Mollie Gugler | LR – Linda Risseuw |
| • CO – Camille O'Neill | RG – Rose Gilbert |
| • AR – Atifa Rawan | SR – Sandy Rizzo |
| • JF – Janet Fisher | TT – Tory Trotta |

STRENGTHS

- Free access, Open to all (PE) (TT)
- Adaptability (PE)
- More e-resources available and better access to all citizens (AR)
- More and more depository items are digitized and archived (AR)
- Very involved Regional Librarian (SR)
- Strong state council (SR)
- Many dedicated and experienced Depository Librarians and staff (SR)
- We have someone from our state on Council (SR)
- Gi21 program – much participation in our state on many levels (SR)
- Large, established Depository program (national scope) (CO)
- Accessibility online (CO)
- Continuous improvement (JF)
- Library School in state – can collaborate (AR)
- More ways to deliver training and information, compared to 1998 (SR)
- Five-State group – good support and resource (SR)
- AzLA, MCLC (SR)
- Government Documents free while other materials budgets are shrinking (MG)

Strengths (continued)

- Phoenix area – two large collections (depth/breadth) for ILL, reliable (LR)
- Cooperation among depository libraries in the state is remarkable (MG)
- Some good support from Administrators for depositories and depository work (AR)
- Network outside state for assistance – GPO, GOVDOC-L (SR, LR)
- Conferences enable us to learn more (SR)
- Google (SR)
- Free access to STAT-USA for depositories (SR)
- Variety of information – pertains to many subject areas (SR)
- Government Information Online at <http://www.govtinfo.org/> - helps with docs reference (SR)
- Web Junction is and has been available as platform of training and learning (SR)
- Virtual meeting software (Live Classroom) allows us to work together at a distance (SR)
- Government Information is timely/topical (economy, banking, environment, influenza) – we have much to offer a variety of audiences (CO)
- Federal Government supports principle and FDLP program through funding and legislation (TT)

Weaknesses

- Budget (PE)
- Training (PE)
- Lack of education (PE)
- Lack of time (PE)
- Lack of staff (PE)
- Limited access to electronic historical materials, much historical in tangible format only (AR) (TT)
- Many rural areas more weakly served than urban in our program (SR)
- SuDoc system hard for users to understand (SR)
- Many librarians shy away from government information (SR)
- Government information reputation for being boring (SR)
- Support from administration sometimes diminishing (LR)
- Don't get marketing or advertising the way businesses do (DS)
- We don't glamorize documents as other library popular programs/services are (LR)
- No value-added on government sites or gov. materials (JF)
- Pre-76 docs are often not found in library catalogs (AR)

Weaknesses (continued)

- Low or no circulation statistics for collection (MG)
- Small pubs don't check out (LR)
- No adequate tracking system for electronic materials (MG)
- Public doesn't know this information is available – don't know to ask for it (RG)
- Public doesn't care (SR)
- Disconnect between docs librarians and other librarians (AR)
- Cumbersomeness, tediousness of processes and laws (SR)
- Lack of autonomy in how we want to handle things (SR)
- Segmentation – fed docs are arranged by who produced, while most collections arr. by subject – difficult for customers to understand (JF)
- Because of segmentation, collection is often located apart, area of its own where some don't venture, seems foreign (SR)
- Lack of Docs librarian as Chair of AzLA Gov Docs Interest Group (SR)
- Weeding – need to do it, lack of resources, time it takes to do needs/offers (though has improved) (SR)
- Is frequently thought of as separate or special collection apart from general collections (TT)

Opportunities

- Education (PE)
- Internet (PE)
- Changing job patterns, docs at reference desk (PE)
- Promotion (PE)
- For libraries and librarians to get more involved with digitization projects on items needed by their congressional districts or localities, more collaboration projects between libraries, agencies, and other entities globally (AR)
- New Archives Building for State Library (SR)
- Gi21 program continuation or evolution (SR)
- Have built a good foundation in training that can evolve into many directions (SR)
- Gov Docs ahead in electronic – docs librarians can take a leadership role (AR)
- Interest in environmental issues – docs has much and we can offer to get info out (CO)
- Interest in politics and elections – capitalize on that (CO)
- Use technology – web 2.0 tools, promotional videos for National Library Week (CO)

Opportunities (continued)

- As budgets are lacking, we can fill in with government materials (DS)
- Make government documents your search strategy, include gov docs in your process to get answer (LR)
- Web harvesting and los fugitivos (SR)
- Feed information on electronic documents for capture/harvest to library who can handle (LR)
- Library school – partner with them, internships to extend our staffing (SR)
- Interviews from 100th anniversary page from Atifa's web page (Gov docs interviews with faculty) (AR)
- City of Mesa Library may someday share space with Mesa Community College – mutual use and access of docs sources (SR)
- Awareness of value of parts of fed docs collection to collaborate with subject specialists (AR)
- Integration of documents into general library collections will expand skills sets and use of collection (TT)
- Unified or collective marketing efforts could help bring people to collection and create enhanced use (TT)

Threats

- Privatization (PE)
- Internet (PE)
- Changing job patterns (PE)
- Arcane knowledge (PE)
- Budget problems (AR)
- Not hiring specialized librarians (e.g. Government Documents Specialists) (AR)
- Shortage of physical space problems in libraries (AR)
- Reduced support of depository by some administrators (SR)
- Integration of gov docs services – lose specialization and skills (AR)
- Websites that are no longer there when you go to them (LR)
- GPO not keeping up with cataloging electronic sites and some print (LR)
- GPO not getting sufficient budget from Congress (DS)
- Secrecy, homeland security limiting information available (AR)
- Archiving of websites – legislative captured by GPO; NARA not covering other agencies (LR)

Threats (continued)

- Eroding of collection from paper to electronic; time to locate and then catalog not always possible (MG)
- Google (AR)
- Documents come and go and we don't always know what is available (SR)
- Change of focus on part of library and their missions (SR)
- Number of docs authenticated is small; hope for improvement in future (CO)
- Less opportunity to attend conferences and off-site meetings – library budget spread thin (SR)
- Librarians in future will not be aware of intricacies of collections; retirement of skilled and committed librarians (LR, SR, DS)
- Threats from outside, inside (LR)
- Over-reliance on web creates view that we don't need to use collection or special section (JF)
- Because customers moving remotely/online, less opportunity to interface, help, direct, refer, and show how to use docs one-on-one (SR)
- Administrators actively question value of remaining in FDLP (TT)
- Some libraries are leaving the program (TT)

Threads/Themes

- Budgets/problems with time and funding
 - Regional must depend on stable State funding to continue to operate as Regional
 - Reg./Selectives: Libraries have problem supporting program as a whole because of staff reductions
 - Selectives: Libraries have problem allowing staff to attend conferences, accept roles in association – time crunch
- Administrative support for program varies – sometimes a priority on other interests, reclaiming space
 - Library leaders prefer to utilize physical building space in other ways, mission changes
 - Some administrators do not participate nor encourage depos. staff to participate in program activities

More Threads/Themes

- Lack of awareness, need for promotion of documents directed to public and non-depository library community
 - Non-depository librarians forget about or misunderstand documents
 - The public unaware of their place and importance
 - SuDoc system hard to understand, often separated
 - Google, other electronic tools become 1 way people seek information
 - Less interface with public, who use library remotely
 - Take advantage of trends and events (economic downturn, for example) to tie in to docs for varied audiences
- Retirements and constant change demand need for continuing education within program (Training)
 - Community knowledge decreases when informed people leave program
 - Things change rapidly – must maintain continuing education to be effective
 - We are so busy – it's often difficult to be aware of everything available
 - Use AzLA, MCLC, our meetings, virtual software, all other forums to train others and ourselves
 - Can use with public and non-depository library staff
 - Can use Gi21 modules and beginnings
 - Lack of documents librarian as chair of AzLA Gov Docs Interest Group

Still more Threads/Themes

- Communication between docs community within state
 - Distance prevents frequent or in-person assembly – use virtual meetings
 - Use email listserv
 - Effective use of State website
- Collaboration/cooperation
 - With Library school
 - With each other
 - With subject specialists within our library
 - With depository community outside of state (Five-State, National)
 - With GPO – providing input/response to plans and other documents (also might fall in communication)
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State Plan

- Most recent is dated 1998
 - <http://www.lib.az.us/is/feddocs/stateplan.cfm>

Depository Library Council Meeting Update

Time	Sunday 4/19	Monday 4/20		Tuesday 4/21		Wednesday 4/22		
By Half Hour	<p>Come to a kick-off reception for the Spring Depository Library Council meeting on Sunday, April 19 at the University of Tampa's historic Plant Hall. From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Fletcher Lounge, tasty Florida treats will be provided with local tea and lemonade. Mingle with GPO staff and other depository librarians. Drive canal.</p> <p>Hosted by: Laura Nardi, Marjorie, the University of Florida, University of South Florida and University of Tampa.</p> <p>Directions to the University of Tampa from the Hyatt Hotel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- From the Hyatt main entrance on Tampa St., take a right and walk two blocks to Kennedy Blvd.- Cross Kennedy Blvd and take a left.- Walk up a block and cross Ashley St.- Cross the bridge over the Hillsborough River.- The University of Tampa campus is on the right. Plant Hall is the large red brick building with minarets. Fletcher Lounge is on the first floor of Plant Hall. <p>Parking is available on campus on Sundays.</p>	DLC Track	FDLP Track	DLC Track	FDLP Track	DLC Track	FDLP Track	
8:00 am		Registration / Coffee with Council		Coffee with Council		Coffee with Council		
8:30 am		New Attendees Orientation	Bilingual Training Resources in Mental Health	Fdsys Update	Cloud Computing	Library Planning and Development & Collection Management and Preservation Update	Authentication	
9:00 am		New Documents Librarian	Government Info in the UK					
9:30 am		Break		Break		Break		
10:00 am		Council Plenary Kick Off Session GPO Update Public Printer		Council and Strategic Planning	Online Tutorials Help Users Find Docs	Council Recommendations		
10:30 am					Tips for Weeding Selective Dep Collections			
11:00 am		2 hour Lunch Break On Your Own (Regional / Selective Lunch)		2 hour Lunch Break On Your Own (By Library Type Lunch)		Adjourn		
11:30 am								
12:00 pm		New Birth of Freedom -- Creating an Informed Citizenry through Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: Federal Depository Libraries and GPO Thriving Together as Partners		Library Technical Information Services Update	Item Deselection on the Fast Track			
12:30 pm								
1:00 pm	5:00 - 7:00 Reception Hosted by Florida Depository Libraries at the University of Tampa	Break		Break				
1:30 pm		A New Birth of Freedom -- Creating an Informed Citizenry through Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: Strengthening Regional and Selective Relations		Strategic Issues Forum	FDLP Desktop			
2:00 pm					FDLP Community site			
2:30 pm		Council Working Session	Aiming to Serve: GPO's Next Steps to Improve Services	Council Working Session				
3:00 pm		Adjourn						
3:30 pm		Regional Meeting		GODORT Meeting				
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DLC Recommendations - preliminary draft

- 1 To meet the goals of providing no fee, permanent public access to government information, Council recommends that GPO hire an outside consultant to deliver a range of models on how libraries can better provide government information to the public in the 21st century for consideration by Council. This consultant report will reconsider the operations of the FDL P in the context of the electronic age and possible future technologies. This reconsideration will address how best to maintain and utilize tangible legacy collections and U.S. government digital assets to best meet the information needs of the American public.
 - *Rationale: Based on feedback from the community, Council feels it is crucial to have a neutral outside party develop possible new scenarios for a 21st century FDL P.*
- 2 Council further recommends that GPO request funding for grants to states for collaborative digitization projects.
 - *Rationale: As information users rely more and more heavily on electronic resources, it is crucial that the legacy government documents collection be digitized.*

DLC Recommendations - draft (continued)

- 3 Council further recommends that GPO create a list of libraries willing to participate in collaborative digitization projects and take the lead in coordinating these projects.
 - *Rationale: GPO needs to take a more active role in coordination of the digitization of the legacy collection. Council further feels that commercial sector digitization projects with access restrictions do not diminish GPO and FDLR responsibility to provide no fee, permanent public access to digital versions of government publications*
- 4 Council further recommends that GPO report at the Fall 2009 meeting on efforts to simplify the discard process .
 - *Rationale: The depository discard process is extremely time consuming and burdensome for both selectives and regionals. As pressures grow in both large and small selectives to reduce collection size, the process needs to be speedier and less staff intensive.*

Regional/Selective Structure

- Ideas and discussion

Depository Library updates